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> Re: Comments in RM-8886

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Dear Mr. Caton

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Rolando Manuntag, Petitioner in the above-referenced Rule Making, are the original and four (4) copies of the Petitioner's Comments, restating his present intention to apply for the channel if it is allocated, and his further intention to promptly construct if granted.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please contact the undersigned.

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BEFORE THE

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In the Matter of)	
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An Amendment to Section 73.202 of)	RM No. 8886
the Rules of the Commission to Add)	
the First Commercial FM Station to)	
Dededo, Guam)	

To: The Commission

PETITIONER'S COMMENTS

Comes now, the Petitioner in the above-captioned proceeding, by and through its attorney, to file Comments in support of its Petition.

- 1. On September 13, 1996, Petitioner filed its Petition to have FM Channel 286C allotted to the community of Dededo, Guam as its first local aural transmission service. At that time Petitioner indicated that it intended to apply for the channel if allocated, and promptly construct it, if granted.
- 2. By the filing of these Comments, Petitioner restates and reaffirms its continuing interest in and intention to apply for the channel if allocated.
- 3. In the <u>NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING</u> released by the Commission on October 18, 1996, the Commission asked the Petitioner to present sufficient information to demonstrate that Dededo has social, economic, cultural, or governmental indicia to qualify as a "community" for allotment purposes. Attached hereto is a letter from the Petitioner in response to this request. The response indicates that Dededo is the biggest municipality on Guam in terms of area and population. The letter goes on to enumerate in some detail the nature and extent of the business and cultural community interests in Dededo, stating that the present population is in excess of 38,000. More information is available should the Commission desire the same.
- 4. Petitioner, in the attached letter, further states that he is "very positive that the businesses within the community could easily support the operation of an FM station".

For all of the above reasons, Petitioner urges the Commission to allocate FM Channel 286C to Dededo, Guam, and restates its intention to apply for the channel if allocated.

Respectfully submitted

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Dear Mr. Coy,

In reference to your fax dated December 2, 1996, I wish to furnish you some information about the proposed Community of license---DEDEDO, GUAM.

POPULATION - 38,000 + (1996)

l got this information from the office of the Municipal Mayor here in Dededo. Our municipality is the biggest here on Guam in terms of area and population. We are the fastest growing community. We have 5 commercial banks, 5 big shopping malls/centers, Pizza Hut, Domino's, Pizza Inn, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Burger King, McDonalds Burger, Price Costco, Cost-U-Less, Liberty House, Office Depot, Jollibec hamburgers, Entertainment centers, Duty-Free shops, Auto dealerships, big hardware stores, executive subdivisions, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Master Station, Navy housing, 6 gas service stations, 2 big bakeries, NAPA Autoparts stores and 500 plus more medium-sized businesses within the community, Catholic and other Christian churches with big houses of worship, Northern Public Health Center, Municipal government's office, 4 public schools, 2 private schools, 50 different civic organizations/associations.

If the channel is allocated here in Dededo, Guam, I am very positive that the husinesses within the community could easily support the operation of an FM station. If granted to the petitioner, this will be the first FM station to be operated by a naturalized U.S. citizen with Asian ethnic origin. Most FM stations here in Guam are owned by Americans.

In the event that we are going to file FCC Form 301, we should claim for minority status and past broadcast management experiences which I know a plus for the petitioner.

Hoping this information will help us a lot in getting the channel allocated here in Dededo.

Letter to W. Coy, Jr.

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Please let me know if additional information is needed to supplement our comments with the FCC.

I just hope that we could get this thing going without anybody objecting or opposing to this project.

My best personal regards.

Sincerely,

ROLANDO C. MANUNTAG









